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Around The Army

Fort Knox:

The Turret reported Jan. 6 that the following day marked the 57th anniversary of one of the most unusual events ever to involve Fort Knox. It was the subject of news broadcasts around the world, several books and remains a focus of periodic articles and TV.

On Jan. 7, 1948, at 1:15 p.m., several hundred people observed an unusual object soaring over central Kentucky. It appeared circular and about 250 to 300 feet in diameter.

The State Police reported it to the Fort Knox military police. The MPs, in turn, reported the object to personnel at the post's Godman Army Air Field. The object was then sighted over Irvington and later Owensboro as it slowly moved south.

For more about this story and other Fort Knox news, visit www.thenewcenterprise.com/articles/2005/01/12/turret/ on the Web.

Fort Belvoir:

The Eagle reported Jan. 6 that teenagers clad in long white robes and gold halos atop their heads swarmed the Religious Center on Christmas Eve morning, serving pan-cakes and eggs to more than 200 guests.

The center held their annual "Breakfast with Angels" event where Fort Belvoir children under the age of 10 were invited to enjoy a hearty meal with their parents and participate in various arts and crafts.

The children also listened to biblical storytelling and took part in other religious activities that highlighted the story of Christmas.

Religious Education Director Sister Michael Bochnowski said the purpose of the breakfast was to encourage a sense of community among the participants during the holidays "so that they would engage in the true spirit of Christmas."

For more about this story and other Fort Belvoir news, visit www.belvoireagle.com on the Web.

Fort Myer:

The Pentagon reported Jan. 7 that the Fort Myer Military Community has become a model for small installations Army-wide. The announcement, made in August, has the post in the planning stages for the upcoming transformation.

For more on this story and other Fort Myer news, visit www.dcmilitary.com/army/pentagram on the Web.

Kosovo:

The Guardian recently reported trainers using paintball simulation rounds - simulations - to allow for a more realistic training experience.

The plus factor comes in when Soldiers actually see where the rounds of paint impact. In a recent training exercise in urban combat scenarios, the friendly force's rounds were pink and the opposing force's rounds were blue to identify who shot who and recognize if any fratricide was involved. The laser system trainers use cannot identify who killed who.

For more about this story and other Kosovo news, visit www.ftfalcon.hq.usareur.army.mil/ on the Web.

AAFES to collect credit debts

By Maj. Gen. K. Frost
AAFES Commander

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will begin requesting payment Jan. 15 for credit card purchases made in Afghanistan and Iraq but subsequently denied by credit card issuers.

As AAFES moved into Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF), its primary goal was to set up as quickly as possible to provide merchandise and services for customers.

To make shopping as easy as possible, AAFES opted to accept credit cards from day one. This policy, though good for customers,

has created a financial problem that may have a potential negative impact on morale, welfare and recreation activities throughout the Army and Air Force. Profits made by AAFES stores are distributed to installation MWR activities.

During the early period of OEF/OIF, AAFES did not have

the technology in theater to allow connection with credit card issuers. As a result, AAFES accepted some charges when customers used credit cards that were subsequently declined by credit card issuers. AAFES accepted these charges in good faith so it could provide a convenient and practical service to all its customers.

However, as a result of this service, AAFES currently has outstanding debt charges for merchandise purchased by some 22,000 customers. Fortunately, AAFES has credit card records that document the amount due.

AAFES will provide payment options and work closely with its customers to recoup the balances.

Goodbye



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Members of the 77th Army Band from Fort Sill, Okla., conducted by Chief Warrant Officer Lisa Guynn (center standing), perform during the Jan. 5 deployment ceremony for Soldiers of the 3rd BCT and 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, inside Bramlage Coliseum on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan.

3rd BCT leaves for desert ... again

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Less than a year after the "Bulldog Brigade" returned to Fort Riley from Iraq, some 3,000 Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team are going back.

About 500 "Dreadnaught" Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, join the brigade for their unit's first tour supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 3,500 Soldiers formally said goodbye to family and friends at a Jan. 5 ceremony in nearby Manhattan inside Kansas State University's Bramlage Coliseum, out of the afternoon's ice, snow and bitterly cold temperatures.

The Soldiers will be deploying to Iraq in late January and early February.

The Fort Riley Soldiers expect to face a challenging and "sometimes dangerous task" in their quest to "help the Iraqi people eliminate insurgent violence," said Col. David Bishop, 3rd BCT commander.

"The newly liberated Iraqi people yearn for a future free from oppression and fear

... and to earn the pride that comes from rebuilding their nation ... Thanks to you, they will realize that dream.

"Together, we'll show them how a professional military force serves and protects the people, honors the concepts of liberty and responsibility and selfless service," Bishop said.

That selfless service is what makes Soldiers worthy of emulation, Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, told the assembled Soldiers. "You represent all that is great in America."

Although this is their battalion's first deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Dreadnaught Soldiers are well-prepared and ready to go, said Capt. Andy Turner, Company A's commander.

"We've been training extensively for the past year for this deployment. So we're ready to go," he said. "It's going to be tough being away from the families, but this is something we have to do."

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Ruth Runyan watches a photo slide show of 3rd BCT and 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, during the departure ceremony Jan. 5. Ruth's son, Pvt. Robert Runyan, is assigned to the "Dreadnaught" battalion.

Horse unit reprises ride

Color guard saddles up for inaugural parade

By Deb Skidmore
Media Relations Officer

It only happens every four years. When it does, several million people turn out to watch history in the making.

This historic event - the presidential inauguration - will be George W. Bush taking the oath of office Jan. 20 to continue his service as the United States' 43rd president.

Fort Riley's Commanding

General's Mounted Color Guard will take part in the 55th Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C., that day. They are one of 15 horse elements from across the country selected to be a part of this historic event.

"It will be an honor to witness the swearing in of our commander-in-chief," said Capt. Cayla Slusher, CGMCG commander.

"We will be a historical representation in the inaugural parade," she said, adding that her unit is the

only parade entry from Fort Riley and the state of Kansas.

Nine horses and riders from the unit are expected to ride the 1.6-mile parade route along Pennsylvania Avenue, Slusher said. Fourteen personnel would make the trip, she said, with those not riding in the parade assisting in driving, grooming, training and preparation of the equipment.

Slusher said the unit has been preparing for this event since they

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Soldiers of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard place special shoes on the last two horses that will make the trip to Washington, D.C., for the inaugural parade.

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Post news in brief

Programs offer train classes

Three Army Family Team Building classes will be offered at the Armed Services YMCA, 111 E. 16th St., Junction City, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 21. Classes will be "Family Readiness Groups," "Leadership Skills" and "Building a Cohesive Team."

For more information, call the Soldier and Family Support Center at 239-9435.

Units recycle, earn awards

Following are 1st Quarter winners in the Recycle Troop Incentive Program.

Small Unit:

First place and \$750 went to the 1001st Military Police Battalion
Second place and \$500 went

to Detachment D, 15th Personnel Services Battalion
Third place and \$250 went to 2nd Battalion, 289th Regiment

Large Unit:

First place and \$1,000 went to 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery

Second place and \$750 went to two units: 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, and 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor

Third place and \$500 went to four units: 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor; 1st Engineer Battalion; 1st Battalion, 13th Armor; and 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery

Random Act of Recycling for Cardboard:

The small unit winner, Detachment D, 15th Personnel Services Battalion recycled 10,078 pounds of cardboard and received \$250.

The large unit winner, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, recycled 29,529 pounds of cardboard and received \$250.

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expressed an interest to attend in September. She said they were notified Dec. 10 the unit had been accepted.

Preparation conditions mounts

Preparation has included conditioning the horses to the sights and sounds they may encounter in the nation's capital, Slusher said. Military police of the 523rd Military Police Team have been assisting the unit, she said.

"We know we will have lots of security with lights and sirens," she said. "The MPs have helped us de-sensitize the horses to noises we will encounter on the streets of D.C. They are using their vehicle lights and sirens, even a bull horn that can mimic the sound of a barking dog, as we ride along side the MP vehicle," Slusher said.

"They are doing as much as they can to shake and awe us and our animals. You never know what to expect," Slusher said.

Additionally, Slusher said this training helps keep the horses fit

and exercised until they are loaded Jan. 16 and transported to Washington, D.C., via a commercial hauler.

She said one of the Soldiers will travel with the hauler, and the rest of those participating will fly out of Kansas City.

Slusher said she is confident the unit's mounts will perform well in the parade.

"The temperament of our horses is important. They have to have a high degree of common sense to be able to put up with the amount of non-horse friendly activities we are required to do, such as deal with crowds, flags, cannon fire and gunshots," she said.

"If I can trust these horses with a 12-year-old child, it's probably the right horse for us," she added.

Horses fitted with special shoes

As part of the parade requirements, the horses were recently fitted with special shoes that provide extra traction in case of slick streets due to weather. "It's pretty much like putting snow tires on

them," said Sgt. 1st Class James Blecha, noncommissioned officer in charge of the unit.

Members of the mounted color guard also checked the horses to make sure their health records were up to date. Slusher said the post veterinarian, Capt. Michael Hansen, will make the trip to help care for the horses.

As for the Soldiers, Blecha said they've been doing more rider training, checking over equipment and preparing for possible cold weather during the parade.

The color guard Soldiers will wear replicas of the 1854 wool cavalry uniform for the event. Slusher said the unit purchased hand warmers and electric socks for the Soldiers.

Blecha said no matter the weather, "We're tough. We're Army."

"This is part of history," said unit member Spc. Ron Wilson.

"Not everyone can say they got to do this (participate in the presidential parade). We are proud to represent the Army and Kansas."

Sgt. Ryan Thomas agreed. "This is a high profile event. It's

stressful and exciting all at the same time trying to get the Soldiers and horses ready to go," he said. "Everyone is excited."

Thomas is slated to carry the 24th Infantry Division colors during the inaugural parade, Slusher said.

The trip to the nation's seat of government will not be all work and no play for the color guard, Slusher said. "We plan to tour our nation's capitol, see some museums and national monuments one day," she said.

The rest of the time Slusher said her unit would work with Fort Myer's Old Guard that also is riding in the inaugural parade.

"We will train with the Old Guard, continuing to condition, acclimatize and exercise the horses before the parade," she said, stressing that the camaraderie between the two posts is superb.

"This is the type of dream job you'd love to stay in forever," Slusher said with a smile.

Wilson echoed her thoughts. "I'll get to tell my grandkids some day that I got to ride in this parade. What an honor!"

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Post news in brief

myPay eases transactions

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service implemented the myPay web-based system in March 2000.

myPay delivers pay information and lets servicemembers and federal employees process pay-related transactions timely, safely and securely.

The Web-based system reduces the risks of identity theft associated with postal delivery by allowing members to access electronic 1099R forms and other financial information.

myPay matches industry standards for the highest level of encryption and security to protect myPay users.

Any eligible person without a PIN (personal identification number) for accessing myPay can obtain one via e-mail by clicking on the New PIN button on the myPay Web site.

A temporary PIN will be e-mailed to the requester's official e-mail address.

For more information about myPay, call the DFAS contact center toll free at (800) 390-2348.

For information regarding 1099R forms, call (800) 321-1080.

Army seeks new warrants

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen to fill its warrant officer ranks.

Positions are open in all 45 specialties. Applicants with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information and all forms and documents required, visit www.usarec.army.mil/warrant on the Web or call DSN 536-0328, 536-0466, 536-0271, 536-1860, 536-0458 or 536-0484.

Custer House being renovated

The Custer House will not be available for tours through Feb. 1, 2005, due to planned renovations. The U.S. Cavalry Museum and the Fort Riley Regimental Museum will still be available for self-guided tours.

The U.S. Cavalry Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

The Fort Riley Regimental Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

For information, call 239-2737.

Post limits Soldier support

Because of world affairs, Fort Riley's community support is extremely limited. Until about Feb. 1, 2005, community members may not receive Fort Riley support for color guards and requests for military equipment.

Fort Riley will continue to support requests for the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, on-post tours and speakers.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 239-3033.

IACH requires appointments

In an effort to shorten waiting times and better serve the medical beneficiary population, beginning Nov. 15, the Immunization Clinic at Irwin Army Community Hospital will serve patients by appointment only. No walk-ins will be served.

Patients should call 239-3627 to schedule an appointment.



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Still wearing it

24th Infantry Division (Mech) Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela (left) shows Phillip Shriver the dog tag he had made and always wears in Shriver's honor. The two met when Shriver came to Fort Riley to live his dream to be a Soldier granted by the Make a Wish Foundation and Fort Riley.



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Lt. Col. Oscar Hall (right), commander of the 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, and the battalion's Command Sgt. Maj. Douglas Falkner case the "Dreadnaughts" colors during the Jan. 5 deployment ceremony.

Deploying

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Several "Bulldog Brigade" Soldiers returning to Iraq said they are more prepared for this deployment, but not just because of their military equipment and training.

Capt. Craig Germano of Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, said he plans to take his iPod music player to "listen to some tunes."

"I'm bringing one of those Game Boys for when I'm just standing around. We're having someone ship us an Xbox this time," said 1st Lt. William Murphy of Co. A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.

In addition to family and friends, Germano and Murphy said they will miss several things while they're gone.

"I'll miss the cleanliness of America. It's horrible over there. It smells bad, and there's trash everywhere. And the weather sucks," Germano said.

"I'm going to miss the sports seasons and games, watching the games and keeping up with stuff. You come back and all of a sudden there's a new basketball team," Murphy said. "At least I was home to watch the Sox win the World Series."

Who's going?

1st Battalion, 13th Armor

2nd Battalion, 34th Armor

2nd Battalion, 70th Armor

4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery

70th Engineer Battalion

125th Forward Support Battalion

245th Military Intelligence Company

596th Signal Company

Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry

Troop H, 3rd Brigade Combat Team

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team

3rd BCT 'Bulldogs'

The brigade deployed to Southwest Asia in December 1990 to participate in Operation Desert Shield. As the right flank of the 1st Armored Division wedge, and oftentimes operating independently, the brigade fought four major battles against Iraqi forces during the ground campaign of Operation Desert Storm.



The brigade again deployed to Southwest Asia from Feb. 20, 2003 to April 15, 2004, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During that time, the brigade served in combat, stability and support operations and has been nominated for the Presidential Unit Citation for its superior performance.

2nd Bn., 34th Armor 'Dreadnaughts'

The battalion deployed to Southwest Asia Jan. 1, 1991, in support of Operation Desert Shield.



The battalion participated in Operation Desert Storm Feb. 24-28, 1991, while organized as a battalion task force. It breached Iraqi border defenses and cleared the way for VII Corps units to enter Iraq.

The unit received its second Valorous Unit Citation for its role in the liberation of Kuwait.





Post news in brief

Holiday alters trash pick-up

The refuse schedule for the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday will change for Jan. 17-21. The schedule is:

Jan. 17 – No pick up.
Jan. 18 – Colyer Manor, Main Post, Marshall Army Air Field, dumpster at Building 621.

Jan. 19 – Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Montieth Heights, Peterson Heights (north of Thomas Avenue), dumpsters at Buildings 28, 45, 470, 540, 542, 621, 5309.

Jan. 20 – Warner Heights, Burnside Heights, dumpster at Building 621. (No change from regular schedule.)

Jan. 21 – Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, South Warner Heights, Peterson Heights (south of Thomas Avenue), dumpster at Building 5309. (No change from regular schedule.)

For more information, call 239-6274

Command sets Fort Riley visit

The Army Human Resources Command Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate Team will visit Fort Riley Jan. 18-20. During the visit, the director of EPMD, Lt. Col.(P) Bill Lukens will present three separate briefings on force stabilization and other Army personnel initiatives affecting enlisted soldiers.

Briefings will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Jan. 18 at the Barlow Theater.

In addition to the briefings, the EPMD team consisting of representatives from Combat Arms Division, Combat Support, Combat Service Support

and Installation Retention Managers will conduct individual interviews at Building 200 located in the Directorate of Information Management conference/classroom. Interviews will be conducted from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Jan. 19 and at the same times Jan. 20.

Library offers Army titles

The U.S. Army chief of staff's 2004 professional reading list materials are available to Soldiers at the Fort Riley Post Library.

Each year the chief of staff compiles a list of recommended reading materials for Soldiers ranging in rank from privates to senior officers. The readings are chosen to develop military professionals through knowledge of military history and strategy, as well as development of personal leadership skills.

This year's recommended titles include: "Inside al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror," "Transformation Under Fire: Revolutionizing How America Fights," "The General's War: the Inside Story of the Conflict in the Gulf," "The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization," and "Makers of Modern Strategy."

New recommendations will become available as they are received.

The military collection at the library includes books about military strategy, global and American history and biographies of military and political leaders.

The Post Library is located on Custer Hill in Building 5306. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call 239-5305.

American Legion plans post visit

Special to the Post

American Legion

INDIANAPOLIS – Members of the Indianapolis-based American Legion National Headquarters and Kansas State Headquarters plan to visit Fort Riley Jan. 27-29 to provide information pertaining to Legion-sponsored services and programs.

Legion representative will man an information table at the main entrance to Post Exchange to

answer questions regarding Legion programs and to provide information pertaining to veteran benefits and benefits of American Legion membership.

The American Legion, the nation's largest veteran's organization, invites all active duty personnel and veterans in the area to join them in providing service to active duty veterans, their families and expanding youth programs and scholarship opportunities for children of dependent

families.

"Service. That's what the American Legion is all about," said Leonard Hill Jr., commander of the American Legion for the Department of Kansas.

"We exist to help and support all active duty armed forces personnel, veterans and their families. Since its inception in 1919, the American Legion has been an outspoken advocate for a strong national defense, quality-of-life issues for those serving in the

armed forces, veterans' benefits, children & youth, and patriotic American values.

The American Legion spearheaded the original GI Bill and has been advocating reform of the veterans health care system under its GI Bill of Health, Hill pointed out. Creation of the federal forerunner of the Department of Veterans Affairs as well as the agency's ascent to cabinet-level status is due in part to the American Legion's advocacy, he said.

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exercise participation rather than just observing training, Zabek said.

The initial exchange took place Jan. 18-22, 2004, with representatives of the 924th Military Police Battalion (Provisional) at Fort Riley visiting the Republic of South Africa to develop the exchange program.

Zabek, who was part of that initial exchange, said the focus of that visit centered on three things: critical asset protection, military police doctrine exchange and coordination of training opportunities.

"The intent that we had going over there was to just get exposure to their way of military policing," Zabek said. "We wanted to take a look at their structure and see how we could support the exchange program and then bring that back to Riley and obviously set something up."

The training set up for the three officers visiting Fort Riley included morning physical training, convoy protection procedures, reflexive fire training, route marking and road signing and Provost Marshal's Office and garrison law enforcement operations.

Booysen said the training was useful, well-planned and organized. He also indicated there were several parts of the training they could take home to improve

their MP training.

He added that all the visiting soldiers relished the opportunity to observe garrison law enforcement operations and procedures. He emphasized that unlike the U.S. military policemen in MP companies who have both a tactical military and a garrison mission dealing with the policing of the installation, their mission at home was strictly military.

The 13th Provost Company does not normally participate in law enforcement activities, he said.

Officer impressed by PT program

Molomo was especially interested in the Army physical fitness program. He thought it was great that all U.S. units start the day with some type of organized physical training. He said he would like to see the same thing in his army.

"The physical fitness training

we did here is something we don't do in our Army," he said, "but we need to do it."

Molomo and Botha said they were impressed with the Reflexive Fire/Mounted Fire Training. Instead of acting as observers, they were integrated into a live-fire exercise at the Multi-Purpose Range Complex.

There they participated in a convoy and learned to engage and fire on pop-up targets from a standing position with weapons held at the "ready" position.

Both officers said they found this very different from the regular firing range, which allows you to sight the target from a predetermined firing position.

"This type of weapons training is done mostly by the infantry or special operations forces in our country," Molomo said. "All of our MPs need to do this training. I would like to go back and try to put this type of program in place so that we can test it," he said.

Toward the end of the week, the three officers traveled to Fort

Leavenworth to tour the new U.S. Disciplinary Barracks. Zabek said that the Republic of South Africa has two or three of these types of facilities.

Because their military police are responsible for incarcerating service people who commit crimes, it was an opportunity for the visiting officer to see how the U.S. Army does confinement operations.

Botha said she felt they needed more time to fully grasp the concepts or procedures of types of training they thought they needed to take back to their country.

"Time constrained us," said Molomo. "We didn't have enough time to go more into detail on the things I thought were important to take back with us."

Zabek said he hopes the two countries continue the program. He said he is already looking forward to the next exchange and hopes the next round of exchanges includes noncommissioned officers as well as officers.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

What do you think is a good entertainment deal in this region for the money a person has to spend to enjoy himself?



"I don't really know what it would cost, but I've heard about an ice rink in Manhattan. They give lessons. I'd like to learn to ice skate."

Sgt. 1st Class Bertha Bush
G4 Property Book Officer
Headquarters and Headquarters
Company, 24th Infantry Division
Home: Tifton, Ga.



"Catching basketball games at K-State University. Tickets are inexpensive, it's a good atmosphere and it's only a 15-minute drive."

Anthony Jurina
Investigator
Fort Riley
Home: Guthrie, Okla.



"Ceramic Canvas in Westloop Shopping Center in Manhattan. I've been a couple of times. The first Saturday of the month is women's night and there are quite a few military wives who go there."

Jodi Nichols
Military spouse
Home: Bear Mountain, N.Y.



"K-State basketball games. General admission tickets are cheap. Town Center Mall in Manhattan is nice to visit. We like Early Edition (a restaurant) in Candewood. It has a really good breakfast and lunch buffet."

Sandra Prawl
Retired Army spouse living
in Manhattan



"The fitness centers on post. I lift dead weights. The cost is nothing and they're easy to get to. They're in walking distance."

Pfc. Jason Schultz
Light-wheeled vehicle mechanic
331st Signal Company
Home: New Orleans

Next week's question:

What is the biggest problem or unsatisfactory situation single Soldiers at Fort Riley face in their everyday life?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

By Col. John Simpson Jr.
Garrison Commander

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday observance will begin at 11:45 a.m. Jan. 13 at Riley's Conference Center. This observance will include the "I Have a Dream" video presentation and a guest speaker.

This year's guest speaker is Derric Gillard, a pastor and author from Atlanta, Ga. One of his notable works is the book, "Living in the Shadows of a Legend: Heroes and Sheroes Who Marched With Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." Gillard lived in Junction City and at Fort Riley during the 1960s and 1970s while his father was stationed at Fort Riley with the 1st Infantry Division.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Proclamation

America has been blessed with heroes throughout our history, men and women of vision and courage who have set our feet firmly on the path of freedom



Col. John Simpson

and equality. Some became heroes by leading us in times of struggle, some by shaping our values and challenging us to greatness.

A thoughtful man, and one of deep personal faith, his conscience called him into action for the soul of our nation. He mobilized thousands of other brave and principled Americans - black and white, renowned and unknown - and began a crusade for justice that continues today. In sit-ins, marches, demonstrations and boycotts, he and many others met violence with nonviolence and ignorance with determination. They awakened the conscience of our nation and succeeded in winning passage of historic civil rights legislation: the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting

Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968. Pouring out his life in service, Dr. King made enormous and lasting contributions to improve the lives of millions of his fellow Americans.

Almost 41 years have passed since Dr. King challenged us from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to live out the true meaning of our creed - that all men are created equal - an almost 36 years have passed since he was taken from us after an all-to-brief sojourn on this earth.

A generation of young Americans has come of age without experiencing firsthand the power of his vision or the eloquence of his voice. Much has changed for the better in that time, but we still have much to do if we are to finish the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Following his example of service, we must build communities where everyone shares an equal opportunity for a good education and a good job, where our children can grow up without living in the shadow of guns, gangs and

drugs, and where we reject separation and isolation and instead celebrate together the blessing of our diversity.

We must put aside the bitter refrain of accusation and recrimination and instead discuss and implement new ideas for forging a single nation out of our ever-increasing racial and ethnic diversity.

By learning to talk to one another, to trust one another and to work together in hope, we can and will come to the time Dr. King foresaw when "justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

Now, therefore, I, Col. John A. Simpson Jr., garrison commander of Fort Riley, Kan., do hereby proclaim Jan. 13, 2005, as Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Fort Riley and call upon its Soldiers and citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the installation of Fort Riley, Kan., to be affixed this fifth day of January 2005.

Letters to the Editor

Young boy's family thanks post for day

We want to thank you all for making Phillip (Shriver) wish a very exciting, fun-filled day. It meant a great deal to us as parents that this whole day could be put together.

Everyone involved in Phillip's day did an outstanding job. The enthusiasm, excitement and involvement of the Soldiers and civilian employees was amazing and overwhelming. This was one day that Phillip did not think about his fight with leukemia.

Everything Phillip has been dealing with since his diagnosis makes him a Soldier in his own way. He has been through more than most of us will go through

in our lifetime. He complains very little and does what he needs to do no matter how much he doesn't want to do these things.

For those of you who don't know, Phillip was diagnosed with ALL (leukemia).

This (disease) has a 90 percent chance for cure. But, as if this wasn't enough for us to deal with, about a week later we were told that they found he had Philadelphia Chromosome ALL.

This defect makes it much more resistant to chemo treatments and reduces cure chance to 50/50.

Phillip is on a study drug that has great promise. We really

won't know until the end of his treatment and up to five years out if any of this will cure him. If this should fail, we will have bone marrow transplant to fall back on.

For now though, things are going extremely well and he has been in remission since November 2003.

We also have a Web site set up for those of you who want to keep informed on how he is doing.

Please feel free to visit it whenever you want, or you can call or e-mail us anytime.

Phillip's Web address is <http://home.everestke.net/onewildcat/> and our home e-mail is

onewildcat@everestke.net.

Again, we want to thank you all for the great day you gave to our son.

We also want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are for you all as you defend our freedom and safety. God bless you all for what you do.

The Shrivens,
Chris, Lisa and Phillip

Editor's note: Seven-year-old Phillip Shriver visited Fort Riley Sept. 20 after the post agreed to help the Make-A-Wish Foundation fulfill the boy's desire to be a Soldier for a day.

Grunt By Wayne Uhden

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Officials discuss impact of new brigade

By Sam Robinson

Com. Rel. Specialist

Kansas Lt. Gov. John Moore hosted a conference on modularity Jan. 6 at Riley's Conference Center on post. Installation officials, state leaders, school administrators and elected officials from Manhattan and Junction City attended the conference.

Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, welcomed the group. He gave an overview of the deployments and training taking place on post.

Hardy also briefed the group on issues related to the arrival of 3,400 new Soldiers with the 6th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Unit of Action), at Fort Riley. He stressed the need for Fort Riley and area communities to work together in preparing for the new brigade.

"It didn't take long to realize that given the amount of change in the Army, we could not do this ourselves," Hardy said. "Fort Riley appreciates the support we have received from you, and we look forward to working with

you, to see what the future will look like."

Col. John Simpson, Fort Riley garrison commander, briefed Moore on the current Fort Riley population and changes expected with the incoming brigade. Simpson said the area will see about 4,700 family members accompany the expected 3,400 Soldiers. The post could increase various civilian jobs by as much as 1,200 positions.

Simpson provided estimated numbers relating to the increase of vehicles in the area and the projected number of homes required for the new brigade's Soldiers. He said that the arrival of the unit of action could mean an additional \$256 million for the area economy.

Group discusses traffic concerns

Larry McGee, Fort Riley public works director, was on hand to provide information related to facility and transportation issues the post will face with the addition of the UA. McGee and Simpson briefed the group on the Army's Residential Community

Initiative.

According to Simpson, RCI is the plan that involves an independent contractor taking over the "land lord" role for on-post housing. Soldiers who live on post will receive a housing allowance, just like the Soldiers off-post. They will then pay the RCI administrator the "rent."

Fort Riley is currently at 99 percent occupancy rate, McGee said. Fort Riley will build 188 new units over the next two years but will demolish about as many unsatisfactory units. He said this will give the post a small net increase in housing, which means most of the new UA Soldiers would need to seek off-post housing.

Simpson provided a timeline to the attendees regarding the arrival of the new Soldiers. The majority of the Soldiers are expected to arrive by January 2006.

The community leaders looked at issues associated with the UA's arrival. Housing, schools, transportation, workforce limitations and other military assistance issues were among the topics discussed.

Insufficient affordable housing in the region was the first issue

addressed. The group used \$90,000 to \$140,000 to define affordable housing. Communities within a 50-mile radius of Fort Riley are being looked at for possible housing locations for the new Soldiers.

Lyle Butler of the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce said there is a shortage of subcontractors in the area for new construction projects.

Butler said that oftentimes, despite a developer's willingness to build, they are often held up in progress due to a lack of skilled labor in the area.

Steve Weatherford, director of the Kansas Development Finance Authority, discussed possible tax credits and loan options for developers in the area.

School impact concerns officials

Unified School District 383 and USD 475 superintendents Sharol Little and Ron Walker were available to discuss issues facing local schools. Manhattan-Ogden in USD 383 is expecting 300 to 400 new students with the addition of the new UA, accord-

ing to Little. Junction City is planning for 600 to 750 new students, Walker said.

Former State Senator Lana Oleen brought up the issue of special education and children with special needs. She said that area schools will need additional resources for mainstream students but they also may need increased assistance due to a higher percentage of students with special needs entering the district.

Proposed school legislation would give school districts in Kansas affected by military families a second count date for student enrollment which state funding is based on. Currently, schools use their enrollment on Sept. 20 of each year for the next year's budgeting. A second date would give districts a chance to count new students associated with the military. The date would be sometime in the spring semester.

Kansas Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller discussed several of the transportation issues associated with the new UA. The group reviewed the Manhattan Airport configuration, Fort Riley access control points and U.S. Highway 77.

The bulk of the discussion

focused on traffic and transportation issues with Kansas Highway 18 and the Ogden/Camp Funston area. McGee gave the group an overview of what he sees may be challenges to the area.

Miller said that she would take the lead in working with Fort Riley and the communities to work the transportation issues.

The final issue discussed was the shortage of skilled laborers in the area. Simpson said, "We are all competing for the same pool" of employees in the region.

Representatives from the Kansas Department of Commerce gave a brief on a project known as Kansas First, an initiative for work force development.

An effort to recruit employees from communities adversely affected by Base Realignment and Closure was one option discussed by the group.

Moore concluded the meeting by thanking the community leaders and Fort Riley for their willingness to work together to make this a positive change for Kansas. He plans to hold more community strategic planning sessions to track the progress on the issues.

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Army finds more ways to send injured home

Community-based programs ease crowding

By Tammy M. Jarrett

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WASHINGTON — More Soldiers in the Medical Holdover Program may soon be able to receive healthcare in their hometowns as the Army expands the Community Based Health Care Organization program from five to eight organizations.

CBHCOs will open in Virginia and Alabama around Feb. 7 and a third in Utah around March 1, medical officials said during a media roundtable briefing Dec. 2.

The CBHCO program is an integral part of the medical holdover program and was originally started to relieve pressure on medical facilities and installations, said Col. Mike Deaton from the Army Surgeon General's Office.

"It is also a means for us to provide care to Soldiers while they live at home and work at nearby military facilities," Deaton said.

The current five programs, operating in Florida, Arkansas, California, Massachusetts and Wisconsin, service 23 states and care for more than 1,100 Soldiers.

Deaton said the success of the Community Based Health Care Initiative pilot program led the Army to expand the program to provide regional medical coverage across all 50 states.

Medical holdover Soldiers are mobilized reserve-component Soldiers who remain on active duty to receive medical treatment.

"The Army is committed to taking care of its people and to providing the best possible healthcare — regardless of the Soldier's component and regardless of the nature of the illness or injury," Deaton said.

Specialist treated near loved ones

One such Soldier is Spc. Logan G. Brown, who received multiple injuries July 22 when his convoy was ambushed in Iraq. Brown received emergency surgery and was eventually sent to Fort Hood, Texas. The El Dorado, Ark., native now receives his care at CBHCO at Camp Robinson, Ark. He said when he returned from his 30-day convalescent leave from Fort Hood, his paperwork had been processed.

Brown said he couldn't ask for a better program. He's able to be

with the people he loves; he didn't get thrown back into civilian life and the care and the leadership is genuine.

"You can tell they [case managers and doctors and platoon sergeants] really care about the Soldier and it means a lot to come home," said the Humvee gunner with the 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry, 39th Infantry Brigade.

Treatment quality amazes staff sergeant

Staff Sgt. Roberto Scott agrees with Brown on the quality of care provided by the CBHCOs. He received injuries to his neck, back and right arm in a helicopter accident in Afghanistan Sept. 17. He was medically evacuated to Fort Drum, N.Y., where he spent nine months being treated for his injuries before entering the CBHCO at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.

Scott said he was amazed from day one by the quality treatment he has been receiving.

"I didn't believe I could find such healthcare," said the guardsman with Battery E, 101st Field Artillery. "They really care about the health and welfare of each one of us."

Scott said being able to be with his family is key to his recuperation.

"By going home every night I feel that my condition, my well-being is much better," he said.

The program works either by assigning Soldiers to a military facility within 50 miles of their homes or finding a doctor who takes TRICARE. The case managers work at the CBHCO and the Soldiers are administratively handled.

Sgt. Chris Dunbar, a reservist with the 810 Military Police Company, Tampa, Fla., found out about CBHCO through a case manager at Fort Stewart, Ga. He fractured his jaw while unloading equipment in Iraq May 4. The combat MP said he didn't have a

pleasant experience at Fort Stewart.

"The medical treatment I received was like in a factory setting," Dunbar said, "no emotion, no human passion."

Dunbar, a computer technician, now receives his medical treatment at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla. He also works at the CBHCO in Plant City, Fla., caring for Soldiers in the region and processing Soldiers from other mobilization stations into the program. He said the CBHCO has helped him readjust to civilian life. Instead of being thrown into the water, the organization is his floats.

Nearly 800 additional physicians, nurses, clerks and case managers have been hired or mobilized to help with the MHO mission. Based on projections from the Army Medical Department, the Army anticipated a peak of about 6,500 MHO patients by January.

The "saturation point" for the first [CBHCOs] was a capacity of 300. This has been expanded to 500 and additional manpower was mobilized to support them, said Col. Kevin Garrouette in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

A \$23 million budget for next year has been set aside to run the CBHCOs, said Col. Barbara Scherb, who manages the program from U.S. Forces Command.

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Army aids relief effort

Units sent to help victims of Pacific tsunami

By Eric Cramer
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Several Army units are among the many military assets the United States is using to bring relief to the victims of an earthquake-induced tsunami in the Far East.

Deploying as part of the Combined Support Force for the disaster relief effort are a variety of Army experts from areas as widely spread as Thailand and Arkansas.

U.S. Army Forces Command is sending four mortuary affairs teams from Fort Lee, Va. The teams will provide help in identification, processing and evacuation of the dead from the disaster.

The 8th Army in South Korea is deploying medical and logistic units, including CH-47 Chinook helicopters to provide evacuation and supply distribution and medical assistance to those in the affected area.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is sending three Forward

Engineering Support Teams from Japan, Alaska and Arkansas to help in the area's recovery. Each team consists of a military team leader, a civil engineer, a structural engineer and a geotechnical engineer.

In addition to the team members, each team will include two noncommissioned officers with the Corps of Engineers' 249th Primary Power Battalion, according to Corps spokesman Lt. Col. Stan Heath.

The team deploying from Alaska will provide assistance to Indonesia. The Japan contingent is headed to Sri Lanka and the team from Arkansas is headed to Thailand.

The teams will help assess the damage to the countries' infrastructure and aid with reconstruction planning.

In addition to the Forward Engineering Support Teams support, an engineer from the Engineering Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Miss., is headed to the area.

The engineer is a Thai native who will be attached to the Joint Task Force Humanitarian Assistance Cell. Originally planning to travel to Thailand to participate as a liaison in the annual Cobra Gold exercise, she has now gone to the region separate from the FEST teams to reinforce Army efforts in the area.

U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., is sending three civil affairs teams and a psychological operations assessment team. The CA teams consist of a planning team and two civil affairs teams to coordinate relief efforts. The PSYOP assessment team will use its broadcast and production capabilities to focus on information distribution concert with local officials and relief organizations.

The Army is part of a joint and combined expeditionary force deploying from around the globe to support this disaster relief effort. U.S. Army Pacific is the lead coordinating command for Army support.

Want to help?

International Red Cross and Red Crescent society partners in the earthquake and tsunami-devastated region of Sri Lanka, India, Maldives, Indonesia and Thailand have mobilized staff, volunteers and teams to the affected areas. Emergency assessment and first aid teams have been deployed to some areas.

Information about U.S. citizens traveling or living abroad in the southern Asia region may be

obtained by calling the U.S. Department of State at (888) 407-4747.

The American Public can help those affected by this crisis and countless others around the world each year by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, which will provide immediate relief and long-term support through supplies, technical assistance, and other support to those

in need. The Fort Riley station has been asked to raise \$3,000.

Contributions to the International Response Fund may be sent to the local American Red Cross at P.O. Box 2305, Fort Riley, KS 66442 or to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting www.redcross.org.

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Community news briefly

Post teacher nominated

Anna Haffner, a third-grade teacher at Morris Hill Elementary School, has been nominated by the Junction City Education Association for the 2005 Kansas Master Teacher Award sponsored by Emporia State University.

The selection committee names seven recipients for the award each year in recognition of their outstanding skills and accomplishments as a teacher in Kansas schools.

Post student in 'Who's Who'

Fort Riley's Robin Marburger, a student at the Upper Iowa University Center on post, is among 28 students from the university included in the 2005 edition of "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges."

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Girl Scouts selling cookies

Girl Scout cookie sales end Jan. 19. Cookie delivery will be Feb. 19 through March 4. The price is \$2.50 per box, and the same kinds sold last year are available this year: Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Lemon Pastry, Pinatas, Animal Treats, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties and Caramel Delites.

Each Fort Riley Girl Scout age level from Brownie up has a set goal for each troop, but the Service unit has set 150 boxes as a goal for each Scout. Anyone interested in buying cookies or who would like a table set up at their location during booth sales should call. Alina Jones at (785) 375-4819.

Schools offer string session

Spring semester registration for the Junction City and Fort Riley Strings Program will be 7 p.m. Jan. 18 in the Junction City High School band room. This special program, offered through Geary County Unified School District 475, is for students interested in playing the violin, viola, cello or double bass.

For more information, call Laura Bradshaw at (785) 313-7823.

Spouses plan bowling event

Free bowling for all members of the Fort Riley Enlisted Spouses Club will be available 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 26th at Custer Hill Bowling Center.

The ESC serves the Fort Riley community and surrounding areas with volunteerism and charitable contributions. It also serves as a social outlet for active duty, reservist, retiree and widowed spouses of Soldiers in pay grades E-1 through E-9 who just want friendship and fun in a supportive atmosphere.

ESC meets once a month, usually at the Armed Services YMCA, 111 E. 16th St., in Junction City at 6:30 p.m. Reservations for childcare can be made by calling Christine Cochran at 223-0924 no later than two days before the event.

Housing allowances increase

Money for separate rations also goes up to offset out-of-pocket expenses

By Eric W. Cramer
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers will see an increase in their basic allowance for housing, designed to reduce or eliminate their out-of-pocket housing costs, with their first January paychecks.

Col. Gerald Barrett, chief of the Compensation and Entitlement Division in the Department

of the Army's G1, said the increases have already been "loaded" into the Defense Finance and Accounting System.

"The goal was to achieve average zero out-of-pocket by '05," Barrett said, "and we've been able to do that."

On average, the housing allowance will increase by 8 percent in 2005, to cover a 4.5 percent increase in housing costs nationwide. An E-8 with dependents will receive about \$60 more in his or her paycheck; E-4s with dependents will have about \$47 more. Again, officials said that's an average increase and doesn't necessarily reflect what every individual Soldier may see.

The meal allowance for Soldiers is also set to increase. BAS program has been through several changes over the years. In January, the rate increased by 5 percent to monthly rates of \$267.18

for enlisted members and \$183.99 for officers.

"It's been through several changes," said Deborah Holman, Barrett's deputy. "Currently, increases are based on food prices determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

Lt. Col. Rick Tillotson, a compensation analyst in Barrett's division, said the allowance is based on local median housing costs.

"Say we've surveyed the area

and found that, for a warrant officer 3, who is entitled to a three-bedroom house, the housing costs near a given installation average \$1,000 a month. If he rents a house for \$950, he will still get \$1,000. If the house he chooses to rent costs \$1,200, he'll have to pay \$200 out of his own pocket," Tillotson said.

Tillotson said the rates don't decrease as the former Variable Housing Allowance once did.

Pedal power

Soldier rides to help others

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Staff Sgt. Douglas Saunders averages riding 120 miles a week on his bicycle. So far this year, he's ridden about 3,000 miles - more than the distance between New York City and Los Angeles. But it was 163 miles in particular that the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, medic will always remember.

"It was a humbling experience. It gave me a totally new look on life and gave me more of an appreciation for people as they are," he said.

Saunders rode in the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's MS 150 Bike Tour Sept. 25-26 in Topeka. This tour is an annual event to raise funds for local area programs and services. It also helps national research into a cause and cure for the muscular degenerative disease.

Saunders has done bike rides and runs for various charities in the past, including those raising funds for breast cancer, asthma and children with muscular dystrophy. This was his first year helping the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"Even before I got here, I was looking up Kansas on the Web trying to find a charity. Well, when I went to a jewelry store in Junction City, I saw the brochures for the ride and I grabbed one and called them up," he said.

By the time Saunders registered and received his fundraising packet, he wasn't left with much time to raise money. His unit's deployment to the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La., in August cut his time even shorter. He had just three weeks to raise money for the event.

"Raising the money was kind of hard. I tried doing it during my lunchtime or after work, but the reception I got was like I was bothering people. People made promises and stuff and when I'd call back they'd make excuses. I was really disappointed," he said.

Despite his disappointment, Saunders raised more than \$1,100.

"There are so many people I'd like to thank for their help and contributions; they



Staff Sgt. Douglas Saunders straddles the bike he rides about 120 miles a week. He rode the bike 163 miles in a recent event to raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

know who they are. They helped make this possible," he said.

The bike tour was divided into two days. Saunders rode 100 miles the first day and finished the last 63 miles the next day. It took him 8 1/2 hours to complete the race.

"I was challenged. I'm more of a sprint-

er when I ride. I ride flats and do time trials and shorter distances. When we turned north, there was about an eight-mile-an-hour head wind and I wasn't prepared for that. It was hard. But my friend, John Strupp, who has been riding for many,

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Agents allowed to shop for kids

Authorization can help ease childcare costs

By Bonnie Powell
and Rob Hansgen
DeCA

FORT LEE, Va. — Having both parents deployed can be very troubling for the children left behind. But thanks to a little-known Department of Defense directive, military children can continue to enter any commissary.

"Agent authorization" allows any authorized commissary shopper who needs assistance shopping or who cannot shop because of disability, illness or infirmity, as well as the children of service members who may not be available due to deployment, remote assignment or casualty, to authorize someone to shop for them.

Agent authorization is not granted by the Defense Commissary Agency. It is administered and managed by the installation commander through the local pass and identification office.

"We want to provide a touch of home for children whose parents are deployed, and often family finances are stretched to the limit," said Patrick B. Nixon, acting director and chief executive officer for DeCA.

"Whether they're buying for a toddler or a teen, we can help the agents get the best value on groceries and personal care items by providing savings of 30 percent or more. It's just one less worry deployed parents will have," he said.

The agent does not have to be an authorized commissary shopper. The military member may request an agent authorization to allow the individual who is the primary caregiver for the children of deployed parents to enter the installation.

Non-military primary caregivers should contact the identification card section on the installation to determine what legal documents, such as power of attorney, may also be needed to establish proof of caregiver status. At the same time, the individual can ask about gaining access to the installation.

Upon verification of caregiver status, the individual receives written authorization from the commander's representative designating him or her as an "agent" to accompany the children of deployed parents, or to shop for someone who is unable to get to the commissary or needs assistance while shopping.

Usually, the letter is for a 12-month period, but it can be extended in cases of continued hardship.

Post's Tax Center opens Jan. 18

Staff trained to help military families file income tax returns

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Soldiers, retirees and family members will soon be able to file their taxes for free on Fort Riley.

Fort Riley's Tax Center will open Jan. 18 and remain open until April 15. It will be located in Room 29 at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264, and will have its entrance marked by signs.

The center's hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. The center will be closed on

Sunday.

Appointments can be made at any time by calling 239-1040. People with questions or concerns may also call that number, said Capt. Jason Elbert, installation tax attorney. They also can visit the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov.

Those filing out 1040 EZ forms can be taken on a walk-in basis. However, if people are concerned about waiting, it may be a good idea to schedule an appointment, Elbert said.

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Name, phone number and marital status
Routing number and account number for direct deposit
State of residence for each working adult
Social security cards and birth dates for all dependents to be claimed on the tax return
Original W-2s from all sources of income issued by the employer
Previous year's tax return, if available
Forms 1099 - Retirement, Interest (statement from bank showing interest) and/or Dividend (statement showing capital gains information)
Educational expenses
Proof of child care expenses (child care receipts; provider's name, address and Social Security number or EFIN)





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many years, gave me some training tips. He's like my unofficial coach," he said.

One of the big things for Saunders was actually meeting people who had the disease, he said.

Each cyclist was assigned a number that represented a person with MS and a number of cyclists were able to talk with the people they were riding for.

"I was number 295 and it said, 'I ride for Pam,'" he said.

"This is a lady from Salina who, years ago, rode a tour for several years. But her MS has got

ten so bad that she's so stricken, she can't ride anymore," Saunders said.

"I had a chance to meet people with the disease, and I almost cried... because they were telling me about things that they missed the most, like dancing, just being able to hold their grandkids," he said.

"When I was on the course, there were times that I was tired, my knees were hurting. I wanted to stop, but I think, '500,000 people are affected by this disease. If they could walk and do the things

I'm doing right now, I wouldn't be riding to raise money for them.' That kept me going," Saunders said.

Saunders said he hopes to continue his charity work for the society. However, he and the rest of his battalion will soon deploy to Iraq.

"Hopefully I can have a bike sent to me downrange. And with my commander's permission, if there's an area around our base camp that I can do circles that would be equivalent to 150 miles, I would still do it," he said.

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Divorced parents should bring:

Court document specifying parent's right to claim child on tax return if the child lives in a home other than the filers or a Form 8332.

Service civilian employees can log onto the myPay Web site to download their W-2 and 1099R forms, if applicable.

myPay can be accessed through Army Knowledge Online account or by visiting <http://mypay.dfas.mil>.

All online forms are available for download for civilian employees and will be available Jan. 14 for all active duty personnel. Otherwise, all required tax forms will be mailed by Jan. 31, in accordance with federal law.

Elbert advises taxpayers to make an appointment with the Tax Center as soon as they receive all needed forms.

The Tax Center staff also will be available to assist taxpayers in two business circumstances; those who rent out one house and those who are childcare providers. The Tax Center will not be able to help with other business income, such as self-employed businesses.

Tax advisers also are available in each unit to provide assistance

to Soldiers, Elbert said.

Unit tax advisors, as well as the center's 15 civilian employees, are trained by the Internal Revenue Service.

Last year, the Tax Center helped prepare some 3,800 federal and 3,500 state tax returns, Elbert said. Soldiers, family members and retirees saved more than \$670,000 in preparation fees and received about \$6.7 million in refunds, he said.

"We do a good job in preparing returns. There's a high chance you'll get a refund. Of course, that depends on the circumstances," he said.



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Sports news in brief

Centers change policy for kids

A new age policy for the fitness centers becomes effective Jan. 16. On that date, children 12 years old and younger will not be authorized to use any mechanical, strength or cardio equipment, saunas or steam room.

Eligible youth who are 15 and younger must be participating in the same activity and under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian. This policy includes the use of basketball and racquetball courts.

Children age 12 and younger will not be permitted into the free weight or cardio areas while a parent or guardian works out.

Patrons may win free games

Bowlers get a chance to win a free night of bowling every Tuesday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Anyone who signs up to bowl at that time receives a ticket for a chance to win. Tickets will be drawn at 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30 p.m. Whoever has their ticket drawn bowls free for that evening.

For more information, call Custer Hill Lanes at 239-4366.

Firearms range open to public

Fort Riley's range for privately owned firearms will be Jan. 15, Jan. 22, Jan. 30, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27, weather permitting, according to volunteer range coordinator Stephen Bachelor. The volunteer range officer for those days is retired Sgt. 1st Class Ken Neff on Jan. 15 and Sgt. 1st Class Donald Love on the other days.

The range is usually open despite inclement weather. If the range is to be closed because of severe weather or extreme cold or heat, the range officer scheduled for duty will notify Range Control and Outdoor Recreation.

Military police man the gate to the range area and inspect for range pass and that all weapons have the proper Provost Marshal's Office registrations. The vehicle pass for the range can be picked up at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

All users of the POF Range must possess a valid Department of Defense ID card and a Fort Riley weapons registration form for their firearm. All users of the POF range must have a valid POV pass before driving north of Vinton School Road.

All shooters must bring their own hearing protection. No water is available at Range 9. Target stands and targets are available at no charge at Range 9.

For more information, call Bachelor at 239-1525.

'School' invites swimmers

Military family member 6 years or older have been invited to participate in Home School of Fish at Long Pool every Wednesday through Feb. 23. The two-hour classes are divided into a one-hour session on water safety and swimming instruction and one hour of free time. The first session is optional.

Cost is \$10 per child for the first three children. Any additional children are free.

For more information, call Long Pool at 239-4684.

Post wrestlers tangle

Staff report

Nineteen wrestlers competed in Fort Riley's Battalion Wrestling Tournament Jan. 10. The 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, team took first place overall, followed by 4th Battalion, 34th Artillery, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, Medical Department Activity and 172nd Chemical Company.

Wrestlers placing in their weight categories were: Michael Bobrinitz (128

pounds), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 1st place (uncontested).

Travis Wilson (139 pounds), Co. A, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 1st place (uncontested).

Mark Ochoa (152 pounds), MEDDAC, 1st place; Dallas Collister, Btry. B, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 2nd place; John Heim, HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 3rd place; William Rose, HHC, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 4th place; Ben-

jamin Ludiker, 172nd Chem. Co., 5th place (injured).

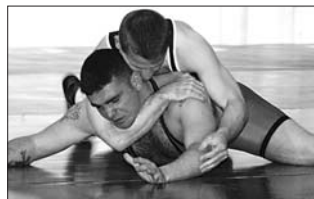
Adrian De La Cruz (167 pounds), Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 1st place; Aaron Martinez, Co. A, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 2nd place; Kenneth Reese, HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 3rd place;

Jason Grosseib, HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 4th place. Raymond Hodge (187 pounds), Co. A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 1st place; James Lohry, Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st

FA, 2nd place; Tyler Moravy, Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 3rd place; Robert Putnam, Co. A, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 4th place.

Scott Wence (214 pounds), HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 1st place; Jose Nevarez, HHC, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 2nd place; Jon Martin, Co. A, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 3rd place.

Joe Malone (245 pounds), HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 1st place (uncontested).



Post/Blackmon
Scott Wence of HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., works on his win over Jon Martin, Co. A, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, in the 214-pound weight class at the post's battalion tournament Jan. 10. Wence took first in his weight class, while Martin finished third.

Winless team wins final game

By April Blackmon

Staff writer

Battery C, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, ended its four-game losing streak Jan. 10, defeating Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 59-47 in company-level basketball.

The victory also ended play in the post's four-team Northern League. All four teams will soon be deploying to Iraq.

"It was a pretty decent game, especially being our last one before we go back to Iraq. It feels pretty good to play one last time in front of the family," said Artillery coach Evan James.

James attributed his team's attitude toward the game as a key to their victory.

"We didn't care if we won or not," he said. "The whole season we came out here wanting to win. It was about winning because it's been proven sometime before that we're one of the best teams out here. (But) tonight, we just came out here to clown."

With the help of Ryan Moran's 25 points and several David Garcia 3-pointers and his 23 total points, the Artillery took a 30-23 halftime lead they never relinquished.

Co-coach Kerrick Bostick led the Dreadnaughts' effort, while Otis Oxford added six. Finishing with a 3-2 record, Bostick said their defeat wasn't a big deal.

"It didn't really bother me, I was just playing to have fun," he said.

Northern League Standings

(as of Jan. 4)

Team	W	L
HHC, 2-34	3	1
C-4-1 FA	0	4
C-2-34 AR	1	3
HHB, 4-1 FA	4	0



Post/Blackmon
Eric Derheimer (28), Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, goes up for the shot while Eli Sal (41), HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, tries for the block from behind. Btry. C player Adrian Rich (30), HHC player Otis Oxford (32) and Btry. C coach Evan James look for the rebound.

Injured vets master climb

Disabled find they can beat wall obstacle

By Samantha L. Quigley

AFPS

ORLANDO, Fla. — The 27-foot climbing wall looked a little daunting in the Florida sun with all its handholds and footholds protruding.

A demonstration by Mark Wellman, a former park ranger who became a paraplegic because of a climbing accident, erased any doubts about human limitations.

Using adaptive equipment, Wellman pulled himself to the top of the wall using just his arms. But Wellman is an old hand at climbing and has guided disabled climbers since his injury.

Many of the military veterans circled around him had never done this before, nor did they have Wellman's years of experience dealing with disabilities. But somebody had to be the first one up the wall, which was provided by the Veterans Affairs Department's National Rehabilitation Special Events program.

So Army Spc. George Perez from the 1st Brigade, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, at Fort Bragg, N.C., came forth. In practically no time, Perez had scaled the wall and rappelled back down with the help of his prosthetic leg. Only after he was on the ground did he confess that he had some experience climbing with the prosthesis.

Others tackled the wall with the same determination. Though it may have been slower going for them, the success was just as real. Army Staff Sgt. Jason Pepper and Army Pfc. Kenny Adams boldly stepped into the harness and up to the wall.

Pepper had been on patrol in

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Wintertime chills change animal behavior

While humans dread onslaught of cold, creatures leave area or adapt



Gibran Suleiman

By Gibran Suleiman

Fish and Wildlife Biologist DES, Conservation Division

For most of us, wintertime is nothing more than an inconvenience. We find ourselves dreading having to run out into the frigid mornings to warm up the car because we don't want to scrape the windows. On those real snowy winter mornings, we find ourselves glued to the radios praying that work or school will be cancelled

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because everyone knows how nice it would be to crawl back into a warm bed on a cold ugly morning and miss work.

But imagine if you lived in a world with no central heat, no insulated walls to stop the 30 mph gusts or not even clothes to protect your skin. That's the reality wildlife in cold winter climates face, and if they don't

deal with it seriously, wintertime will deal with them.

Being ectothermic, or cold-blooded, has its pros and cons when it comes to wintertime. For snakes and lizards, the main disadvantage of being cold-blooded is that all of the body's processes become extremely slowed as the temperature drops.

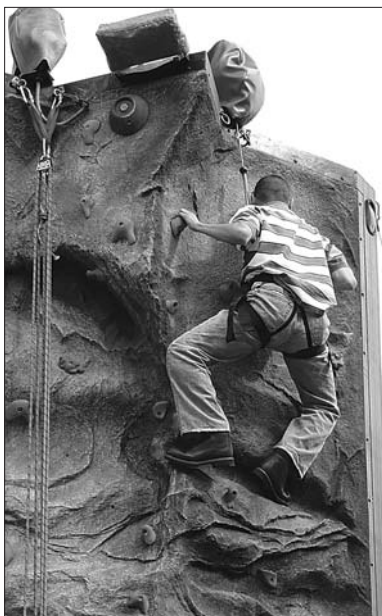
For example, while a mouse may

have no problem scurrying away from hungry coyote in 40-degree weather, a snake might not be so lucky. To make matters worse, if any ectotherms are caught out when the temperature falls much below freezing, they will freeze and die.

The main advantage of being cold-blooded is that the animal is able to go extremely long periods without any food. In one experimental situation, a

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ANS/Samantha L. Outgley

Army Pvt. 1st Class Kenny Adams with the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, at Fort Drum, N.Y., was injured in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He is totally blind and had never climbed so much as a tree before he made his way up a 27-foot climbing wall. Adams was attending the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes: 1st Annual Road to Recovery Tribute and Conference in Orlando, Fla., Dec. 8-12.

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Karbala, Iraq, with Company B, 16th Engineer Battalion, when an improvised explosive device detonated in a tree near him. As a result, he lost both eyes and the majority of the bones in his left hand.

Pepper has one prosthetic eye and is waiting for the second. He has also had surgeries on his hand, the most recent being a bone graft.

Adams, with the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, at Fort Drum, N.Y., suffered a head injury in Kandahar, Afghanistan, which blinded him, but he methodically moved up the wall until he got to the top. Once there, he wasn't sure he wanted to come down, saying that coming down was scarier than going up.

Adams said he was grateful to

reach terra firma. "I'm shaking," he told his wife, Katherine. He added that his hands hurt, but that having conquered the wall was a great feeling.

"I never ever climbed a tree, let alone a wall," Adams said. "I was going to stop when I got stuck, but it's not as hard (to climb the wall) blind as you might think."

Perhaps he was encouraged by the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes founder Roger Chapin, chanting, "Kenny can do it! Kenny can do it!"

Or for Pepper, maybe it was the sheer determination and will that showed on his face as he refused to give up. He started three times before making it nearly all the way to the top.

Pepper said climbing the wall

was about independence. It also proved to him that his body is still working for him. "It just lets me realize that my arms are stronger than I thought they were," he said.

Many men and women triumphed that day, men and women who have become used to conquering obstacles. That is the goal of the Veterans Affairs National Rehabilitations Special Events program, to help disabled veterans improve their physical, social and emotional well-being.

Program director Diane Hartmann said most disabled veterans from the war on terror are incredibly fit at their time of injury and most have a competitive streak. "For them to come out there and (climb the wall) enhances their quality of life," she said.

VA sponsors four national events for military veterans. In one, the Winter Sports Clinic, the primary activity is skiing.

The Wheelchair Games offer a variety of sports including rugby, basketball and track and field events. The Golden Age Games focuses on veterans over 55 and aims to impress upon them that sports and fitness are important at any age.

The fourth event focuses on arts. The Creative Arts Festival is a combination of visual and performing arts. After a week of enhancing their skills in educational workshops, their combined talents are showcased by a live performance and an art display.

The programs are available to veterans in the VA system.

Custer Hill Lanes Bowling Results

(as of Dec. 21, 2004)

Friday Night Mixed League			Officers' Wives' Club League		
Team	Points Won	Points Lost	Team	Points Won	Points Lost
Red Dog Express	37.0	19.0	Bowldacious Babes	36.0	20.0
OSIMA	36.0	20.0	Queen Pins	36.0	20.0
Team On A Mission	36.5	19.5	Babes With Balls	32.0	24.0
Stella's Angels	25.5	20.0	Grammas On A Roll	29.0	27.0
TGIF	31.0	25.0	Team #5	25.0	31.0
SE Strike Force	28.0	28.0	Team #8	22.0	34.0
Tree & Seven-Eights	21.0	35.0	Strike Force	17.0	39.0
Team 9	24.0	32.0	Spare Balls	17.0	39.0
Crazy Eights	22.0	34.0	High Game Handicap-To Date		Score
Only On Fridays	31.0	25.0	Spare Balls		679
Survivors	13.5	42.5	Team #5		637
Latecomers	19.5	36.5	High Series Handicap-To Date		Score
Team 13	2.5	1.5	Bowldacious Babes		1,849
Team 14	1.2	2.5	Queen Pins		1,727
High Game Handicap-To Date		Score	<i>NOTE: Custer Hill Lanes submits standings to the Fort Riley Post. Teams earn a point for each game won plus one point is awarded to the team with the most pins in the three-game match. Teams receive a point lost for each game lost in a match.</i>		
TGIF		946			
Latecomers		885			
High Series Handicap-To Date		Score			
OSIMA		2,641			
Team On A Mission		2,469			



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snake lived more than two years without a single meal and successfully started to feed again.

Snakes and lizards in Kansas spend most of the winter underground.

The most common winter denning sites or hibernacula are rocky outcroppings on the side of hill. Small openings in the rocks enable reptiles to go underground far enough that the threat of freezing is removed.

Occasionally, snakes will get into basements, entering through cracks in the foundation.

During hibernation, very little activity takes place until spring.

Facing just the opposite problem of snakes are the birds.

Because most birds maintain a constant body temperature of around 102 degrees, they are unable to enter a hibernation-like state. They must constantly eat in order to stay alive. This leaves birds with two options: love it or leave it.

For the majority of birds that breed in Kansas, leaving to a warmer climate is the way to go. But a group of hardy wintertime residents will remain and tough out the winter.

Common Kansas wintertime species are juncos, chickadees, titmice and cardinals.

Many different factors become very important to songbirds during the winter.

During cold spells, birds must balance their energy expenditures very wisely. If a bird spends a lot of energy looking for a small amount of food, it can spell disaster for the bird.

While birds might not have central heat, they do know that

certain types of trees, like cedar trees, protect them from stinging winds far better than others.

During periods of heavy snow cover and ice, food can be almost impossible to find for songbirds. Luckily for birds, living near people can make life a little easier.

Some birds become completely reliant on using birdfeeders, so it is important that once someone puts up a feeder, they keep it full all winter long.

Mammals fall in-between reptiles and birds when it comes to wintertime activity.

A general rule for mammals is the smaller they are, the higher their metabolism. Mammals, unlike reptiles, must eat throughout the winter, so a solid state of hibernation is not practical.

Many small mammals go through states of drastically reduced activity, or torpor. During this time, metabolic processes such as heart rate and breathing become considerably reduced.

This allows them to essentially sleep through the coldest parts of winter by reducing the amount of food intake needed to survive. They will occasionally become active to feed on stored foods or to leave their den to find new food sources.

The larger mammals of Kansas stay relatively active throughout the winter.

As for other animals, food items can become extremely hard to find during the toughest parts of winter.

For many older or unhealthy animals, this becomes the last straw for them and they become nourishment for scavengers, such as coyotes or crows.

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Leisuretime ideas

Salina:

What: "Dinner With Friends." This skillfully constructed piece with keen psychological insight follows two couples as one marriage collapses and one weathers the storm of change.

When: Jan. 14-16

Where: 303 E. Iron, Salina Community Theatre

Phone: (785) 827-6126 or (877) 414-2367

Admission: \$15-\$18

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What: Deeply Rooted Dance Theatre. This Chicago dance company performs an electric blend of ballet, modern, and jazz, coming from an African-American tradition of music and dance.

When: 7:30 p.m., Jan. 17

Where: 151 S. Santa Fe, Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts

Phone: (785) 827-1998

Admission: \$10 for adults; youths \$5

Manhattan:

What: "Romeo & Juliet." Tale of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers.

When: 8 p.m. Jan. 28

Where: McCain Auditorium

Phone: (785) 532-6428

Admission: Varies

Lawrence:

What: Eagles Day. Presentations on nesting, banding, and live bald eagles. Thunderbird Theater performance.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 23-25

Where: 21st and Harper, Douglas County Fairgrounds

Phone: (785) 840-0700

Admission: Free

Wichita:

What: Exotic car show and action arena. 48th annual. Over 400 hot rods, custom cars, and dream cars on display with entertainment and celebrities.

When: Noon to 11 p.m. Jan. 14, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Jan. 15 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 16

Where: 225 W. Douglas, Century II Convention Center

Phone: (918) 257-8073

Admission: Adults \$15; children \$10

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What: Wichita Symphony Orchestra Classics Concert. Outstanding music with wonderful guest artist, classical guitarist Manuel Barrueco.

When: 8 p.m. Jan. 15 and 3 p.m. Jan. 16

Where: 225 W. Douglas, Century II Concert Hall

Phone: (316) 267-7658

Admission: \$13-29

Hutchinson:

What: Songs & Story of the Carter Family. This is a riveting story about a gospel trio comprised of Alvin P. Carter, his wife, Sara, and their sister-in-law, Maybelle Carter, who became the most influential group in the history of country music.

When: Jan. 14

Where: 18 E. First, Fox Theatre

Phone: (620) 663-5861 or (877) 369-7469

Admission: \$18, \$20, \$22

Burlington:

What: Pioneer Days. Rope and candle making, bean feed, historic displays, and entertainment.

When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 22

Where: 1101 Neosho, Coffey County Historical Museum

Phone: (620) 364-2653 or (888) 877-2653

Admission: Free

Gotcha!



A bald eagle catches a meal from Milford Lake during an Eagle Days bus trip in 2004. The free event is an annual attraction at Milford State Park.

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Annual event offers chance to see bald eagles at lake

By Cynthia Dierks
Park Ranger

Schedule

The 16th annual Milford Lake Eagle Days are scheduled Jan. 15 and 16. Activities for both days are open to the public and free.

The program will be held at the Milford Nature Center located below the Milford Lake Dam. Each day there will be speakers, live bird presentations and the ever-popular free bus trips to nearby locations at the lake to observe bald eagles in the wild.

The director of the Prairie Park Nature Center in Lawrence will be on hand to put on the live eagle presentations.

The live bird presentations will include a mature bald eagle and mature golden eagle that are permanently housed at the Milford Nature Center.

A professional biologist from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be giving updates on the Kansas nesting bald eagles.

Programs will include information about live eagle programs, raptors of Kansas, nesting eagles in Kansas, and owls in Kansas.

New to this year's activities will be a family activity tent. The tent will be heated and feature hands on activities including a life-sized eagle nest that children will be able to climb into.

In addition, the Milford State Park will be offering free entrance into the park for the weekend.

The Corps of Engineers, with approval from the Geary County commissioners, will be temporarily closing two back access roads: the unmaintained dirt road that leads into Rush Creek and Crystal Cove from U.S. Highway 77 and the southern end of Lower Budden Road. The roads will close at 10 a.m. Jan. 15 and re-open at 5 p.m. Jan. 16.

For more information, call 238-5714.

Jan. 15
11 a.m. – Milford Nature Center opens with live eagle program
Noon – Raptors of Kansas
12:45 p.m. – Nesting Eagles in Kansas
1:30 p.m. – Live Eagle Program
2:15 p.m. – Owls of Kansas
3 p.m. – Nesting Eagles in Kansas
3:45 p.m. – Live Eagle Program
5 p.m. – Milford Nature Center closes

Buses for viewing bald eagles at the lake will leave every hour beginning at 1 p.m. with the last bus leaving at 3 p.m.

Jan. 16
Noon – Milford Nature Center opens
12:15 p.m. – Live Eagle Program
1 p.m. – Raptors of Kansas
1:45 p.m. – Nesting Eagles in Kansas
2:30 p.m. – Live Eagle Program
3:15 p.m. – Owls of Kansas
4 p.m. – Live Eagle Program
5 p.m. – Milford Nature Center Closes

Buses for viewing bald eagles at the lake will leave every half hour beginning at 1 p.m. with the last bus leaving at 3 p.m.

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